Northwestern Indiana Telephone

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To Irene Flannery

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Re CC Docket No 96-45

This is to certify that Northwestern Indiana Telephone Company will use its Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I authorize this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is provided for all study areas under the common control of the company, and which are listed below and in attachments as necessary.

Signed,

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Controller

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Study Area Number

320800